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### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Open Forum  
 Date: Thursday, Sept. 1  
 Time 8:00 P.M.  
 Place: Woodminster Clubhouse

## Editorial

### VANDALISM IN THE HILLS

A message such as this, to a group of horse lovers, is most deplorable. However, it has come to our attention that there is a great deal of vandalism in the hills and on the trails, and it appears something drastic must be done about it.

Among other instances was the recent shooting of a fine horse. True, the horse was saved, but it could have been much worse and there are other reports of the promiscuous use of guns within the city limits. This was reported to the Oakland police department and we are happy to learn that this particular situation was taken care of. We, as horse people, can be very thankful that we do have the cooperation of the city police and they are always willing to do all they can to assist us in any way.

The big trouble is that our trails cover a lot of territory and there can't always be an officer on hand to see the things that go on. We heard recently of one of our own members, and her horse, being struck by a hit and run driver. The rider and horse were thrown down a deep embankment and the car continued on its way. Such things must stop and while, again, the rider received only bruises and her horse will recover in time, it has reached a point where the proper authorities must deal with offenders severely, and will.

Members of the Alameda County Sheriff's posse are deputized, and we have been told that several other responsible riders have been accorded this privilege. Park rangers and other law enforcing officers are also constantly on the watch for these people. But what each and every member of our large association can do is report such acts immediately to some one in authority. This, and this only, will bring to a halt this siege of lawlessness. If you see a car going at an excessive rate of speed, especially where it is liable to endanger the lives of riders and horses alike, it is your duty to take the number and report it at once. This also holds good if you see someone with firearms. The hills and trails are within the city limits of Oakland, the city police have assured us of their cooperation and their earnest desire to alleviate such nuisances.

So the next time that you see someone endangering life and property won't you make an effort to report it? It is for your own protection as well as to others.

"You seem idle!"

"The boss likes to see me idle".

"Huh?"

"This is the complaint department".



### OUR COVER

It is with a great deal of pride that we bring you the cover picture this month, as we think you'll agree it is one of the most beautiful horses that we have ever shown.

Owned and ridden by Bill Senecal, the 4-year-old Palomino stallion answers to the name of Golden Glow and is a proud member of the Alameda County Sheriff's posse.

Mr. Senecal, who lives at 4256 Knoll Avenue, Oakland, has owned the horse 8 months. Receiving admiring glances wherever he appears, the horse has a white mane and tail and three white stockings. Wherever the posse shows, you can look for Golden Glow, which promises everyone a look at him as the posse can always be counted upon to be an important and colorful part of every horse affair.

Bill isn't the only one in the family that rides, for Mrs. Senecal has a pretty little Arabian, Dandy, also a familiar sight to those who ride the trails.

### EVENTS

Sept. 3	Turlock	Gymkhana
Sept. 3	Lodi	Dance
Sept. 3-5	Concord	Trail Ride & Show
Sept. 10-11	Turlock	Regional
Sept. 16-18	Lodi	Horse Show
Sept. 18	Fairfax	Horse Show
Sept. 18	Lodi	Horse Show
Sept. 22-25	Watsonville	Horse Show
Sept. 25	Oakland	Reg. Elimination
Oct. 2	Marysville	Horse Show
Oct. 13-16	Sacramento	Blue Ribbon

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## Secretary's Mail Bag

September always brings out a number of good shows—first of all we have the Ninth Annual Labor Day Horse Show and Parade sponsored by Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association on Monday, September 5th, the parade starts at 12:30 and Horse Show at 1:30. The program is a well-rounded one with Juniors participating, hunt teams, family class, relay race, ring peering, stock horses, working hunters and pleasure classes.

The Monterey Convention Centennial Celebration will run from August 29 thru September 5th. The parade on September 3rd has awards for almost every kind of entry.

The Contra Costa County Fair will be September 16, 17 and 18 at Antioch. The Horse Show promises to be a dandy and an entry blank can be obtained from the Secretary.

Rio Vista Bass Derby and Water Carnival will be September 24 and 25 at Rio Vista with a super parade on the 25th.

Don't forget the OPEN FORUM, THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 1st, at Woodminster Club House.

Mary Gale, Secretary

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## FIELD DAY, BARBECUE DRAWS LARGE CROWD

With sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels for a grand day and a sumptuous barbecued dinner, members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association thoroughly enjoyed the annual George Daniels field day held August 15, despite a little dust and dirt that was the only disturbing element to an otherwise perfect day.

The large group of approximately 250 rode for two hours over the trails and ended up at the horse arena for the barbecued meal which featured chicken and all of the trimmin's.

Later field day events occupied the afternoon hours. Prize winners, the first in each group to represent the M.H.A. at the 5th regional elimination contests at the chuck wagon breakfast on September 25, were as follows:

Junior jumpers—(1) Peggy Day. Senior jumpers—(1) Mary Lou Hutton. Junior Stock horse—(1) Jimmie Black, Jr., (2) Bill Bernard, (3) Barbara Alberts.

Senior stock—(1) Walter Leatham, (2) Mrs. Tiny Black, (3) Dan Schaeffer. English and Western Pleasure, Juniors—(1) Jimmie Black, Jr., (2) Barbara Alberts, (3) Barbara Isham. English and Western Pleasure, Juniors—(1) Janet Moore, (2) Inez Thompson, (3) Corrine Smith.

Senior English and Western—(1) Mrs. Blanche Paul, (2) Mary Lou Hutton, (3) Juanita Gray in the English, and (1) Mrs. Tiny Black, (2) Mrs. Genevieve Menicucci, (3) Mrs. Ruby Welch, Western.

Jim Myers, president of M.H.A. won the pole bending contest, with Mrs. Harold Cummings, second, and Bud Vogel, third. In the relay races the M.H.A. Juniors won first, with Mr. Myers' team second and the Pinto Ranch group, third.

Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Daniels for their Western gesture and hospitality.

## FROM HERE AND THERE . . .

Talking about vacations, Gus and Elsa Himmelman have returned from what they term a wonderful trip. Their first stop was to visit their niece, Carmel, and her husband, Greg Laughner, in Napa, and found Greg now has his horses in a beautiful barn built of basaltite . . . Lucky horses, warm in the Winter and cool in the Summer . . . Carmel will be on top of the world in her pent house, built on top of the barn overlooking the whole Napa Valley.

Their next stop was as Eureka where they enjoyed trout and salmon fishing which Gus said was very good . . . On their return trip they visited at the home of the famous Seabiscuit . . . and their last stop was to visit Harold and Carmelita Cummins, formerly of the Pinto Ranch, where they were greeted with a wild "Whoopie" from Harold as he came down the mountain on a dead run when he saw the Himmelman station wagon . . . They reported the Cummins' have an ideal ranch five miles out from Sutter Creek where the food is good, plenty of fresh eggs, fruit, milk and vegetables and above all, trout, all from Harold's own ranch. Carmelita and Harold sent their best regards to M.H.A. members and invite everyone to visit them.

Have you seen Earl Nanninga's new yearling stud colt by Nick II? He purchased the animal a month ago from Guy R. Corpe, at Sacramento, and invites you to stop in and see him at 4745 Mountain Blvd. Speaking of the Corpe horses, and you all want to read the ad on the back page of this month's Blazer, Walter Leatham, 5930 Holway street, Oakland, also purchased a yearling gelding by Red Hot at the same time.

Had you heard that Oneita Clark is now in charge of activities at the Piedmont Stables, and that alone brings promise of many good times for the boarders there.

Looking over the list of renewals we are happy to see the name of Gladys M. Clark who runs the Hill Top, on Mountain Blvd., popular rendezvous for horsemen. Welcome back into the fold, Gladys. We need you!

We are happy to publish a number of pictures in this month's issue. If you are interested in having a picture in the magazine, please contact the editor. All we ask you to do is pay for the cuts, and you will agree that pictures do dress up our little publication a lot.

—EGC

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# Membership News

## NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY: 4 BIG PRIZES

Everyone has a chance! A chance to win a beautiful silver buckle in the new membership drive which gets underway September 1 and closes November 15. This was the announcement today made by Heber Brown, membership chairman.

The prizes, two for seniors, one for the man getting the most new members or renewals, and one for the woman getting the most, and two for juniors, the boy or girl getting the most new juniors will be awarded at the annual dinner to be held in December. The prizes were personally chosen and donated by President and Mrs. James A. Myers.

These prizes are worth working for and everyone has an equal chance. According to Mr. Brown a large number of new members were signed up at the George Daniels Field day but there are hundreds of horse people in the area that should blong to the association.

Get busy and see how many you can sign up. You'll be proud to be the possessor of one of these beautiful buckles.

Mr. Brown is assisted on the membership committee by Mrs. Blanche Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman and Martin Murray. Further information concerning the contest can be obtained by contacting any of the comittee members.

## CARAVAN TO STATE MEET AT SACRAMENTO

Plans to ride to the state convention, at Sacramento, October 13, 14, 15 and 16, are underway, according to Fred E. Anderson, vice president of Region 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wise, of 703 Main Street, Hayward, have been officially appointed to be in charge of the ride and information and reservations can be had by contacting them.

The trip will be planned for stop overs and those wishing to take part can go as individuals or as clubs. Riding to the convention has proved such fun in the past and everyone wishing to make the trip this year can be assured of an interesting time.

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## 5th REGIONAL DINNER SET FOR SEPT. 12

The final quarterly dinner of 1949 for the 5th region will be held Monday, Sept. 12 at Svensgard's restaurant, 16290 Foot-hill Boulevard, according to announcement made by Fred E. Anderson, regional vice chairman.

Dinner, to cost \$2.50 a plate, will be served at 7 p.m. Important convention news will be discussed during the business session to follow and there will be election of officers, when a successor to Mr. Anderson will be named.

Reservations are to be made with Cliff Clark, chairman of the evening, who resides at 19679 Chabot Road, in Castro Valley. Phone LUcerne 1-5834 or with Jack Richards, OLympic 3-4850.

## NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

Formal announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Adrienne Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller, to J. Hampton Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Ford was made at a recent dinner party at the home of the bride-elect. Mr. Ford has been a prominent member of the M.H.A. for several years. No wedding date has been set.

Our congratulations and best wishes to them both.

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# Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol and M.H.A. 5th Region All-Champion Contest Sept. 25

With plans virtually complete, interest now centers on the combined annual Wild West show and chuck wagon breakfast sponsored by Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol, and 5th Region California State Horsemen's Association, the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association to be held Sunday, Sept. 25 at El Rancho San Antonio, home of the famed Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol unit.

For the first time, the breakfast, to be served by Mel Coe of the La Fiesta Catering Service, will be open to members of the M.H.A. and their families as well as those affiliated with the Shrine. The breakfast will be served from 9:30 until 12. Admission to the breakfast and show will be \$2.00 per person, while those attending the show only pay \$1.00. Participants will be able to attend the breakfast for a fee of \$1.35.

The show will be continuous, getting underway at 9:30 o'clock, with the juniors appearing in the morning, and the afternoon devoted to senior competition.

## BLUE WINNERS TO STATE

All blue ribbon winners of the day will represent the 5th region at the annual California State Horsemen's association convention to be held in Sacramento October 13, 14, 15 and 16. Entries in the show will be in charge of Fred E. Anderson, vice president of Region 5, who will also be in charge of events.

Members of the executive committee, composed jointly of members of the Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol and the M.H.A. as are all functioning committees for the affair, include Fred L. Bemis, captain of the patrol; Fred E. Anderson, regional vice president; James A. Myers, president of M.H.A. and Don Schwimley, member of the board of directors of M.H.A.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

State representatives include President Ed Swerline, Secretary Ray Stone, honored guests; George Cardinet, Jr., representing the Concord area; Jack Richards, from the Oakland area; Leo Armstrong, of the San Pablo area, Cliff Clark, from Southern Alameda county, and Mary Daily, secretary.

Junior activities will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. George Walling. Members of the finance committee include William Ludolph and Irv Hansen, representing the Aahmes Shrine patrol and Don Schwimley, of M.H.A.

## NAME RING MASTERS

George Cardinet and George Walling will serve as ring masters, with Edna Collins as arm band clerk, and Pete Collins chairman of the committee in charge of gate.

Special events will be in charge of a committee headed by Don Schwimley, chairman. Ticket sales are under the direc-

tion of Emmett Boger, chairman, Al Upton, William Older and Sydney V. Chown.

## PROGRAM MONEY TO JUNIORS

Fred Anderson heads the program committee which includes Frank Kelly, C. A. Simons, Ted Dreyer, Bill Senecal and Stan Cosca. Members of the M.H.A. Juniors will be in charge of the sale of the programs and will receive all of the proceeds from the sale for their treasury.

Responsible for the sound system will be Fred Anderson, with the city police to be present under arrangements to be made by Jim Myers. Mr. Myers will also be in charge of ambulance service.

## BILL PATTEN TO BRING STOCK

Bill Patten of the Piedmont Stables will have charge of arranging for the stock for the calf roping, team roping and the cutting horses. Mr. Bemis will assume the responsibility for the chair rental, breakfast arrangements and for the insurance.

Heber Brown will be in charge of the ticket booth and the sale of the programs; Archie Brown will take over the parking assisted by the Oakland police.

## SIMONS HEADS TROPHY GROUP

Announcers will be in charge of Fred Anderson and J. Hampton Ford will take charge of the road signs. C. A. Simons heads the trophy committee and publicity will be handled by Fred Anderson, chairman, William Older, James Myers and Eddie Carey.

Dave Jones will head the committee in charge of decorations and grounds, assisted by Dave Pembridge, Ted Dreyer, Dr. Galen Drury and Charles Gray.

## EXPECT RECORD CROWD

Floyd Jacobs will head the committee in charge of the refreshment stand assisted by Jerry Jacobs, Jack Simons, John Dell and Gus Himmelman.

Dr. J. C. Campbell will be in charge of Reception Committee assisted by Henry Gede, Glen Fisher and Irvin Hansen.

According to Mr. Bemis, one of the largest crowds ever to be assembled at a horse show in this area is expected to be present, and plans are being made with that in mind.

Entry blanks will be in the mails during the coming week.

## ELIMINATION CONTESTS TO BE HELD SEPT. 24

All calf and team ropers as well as cutting horse exhibitors will compete in an elimination contest on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Miss Graham's ring. Winners will represent the M.H.A. at the combined Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol-M.H.A. show Sunday, Sept. 25 at El Rancho San Antonio.



## LIST SPONSORS FOR JUNIOR DRILL TEAM

A complete list of sponsors for the M.H.A. drill team has been announced by Mrs. Kay Walling, Junior adviser. They include Jim Myers, Bill Pray, Joe Cosca, John Corvi, Joe Stern, Ray Morris, Eddie Carey, Jack Pfeiffer, Bill Senecal, George Walling, Floyd and Jerry Jacobs.

Ted Dreyer, Heber Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman, Carl Hansen, Fred E. Anderson, Earl Nanninga, Sydney V. Chown, C. A. Simons, Jack Green, Paul Busch, A. B. Graham, Irv Hansen, Henry Rubenstein, Don Marquis and M. Harvie.

Hats off to these M.H.A. members, each one of whom assumed responsibility for a pair of white chinks, which are a striking addition to the green and white uniforms worn by the junior drill team.

The chinks remain the property of the M.H.A. and are given out to the riders before each parade. When a member drops out of the drill unit, the chinks are passed on to his successor.

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Sydney V. Chown, long identified with horse activities in the Bay Area, is shown on his half Standardbred—half Thoroughbred, Guy Diablo, winner of the recent Merced to Yosemite ride. Guy Diablo is from the late I. L. Borden stock.

It was on this same spot, in Joaquin Miller park, where the above statue of Mr. Miller stands, that Mr. Chown sold Mr. Miller a horse 50 years ago. The spot is the scene of the old corral and at that time there were no trees and the ground was entirely bare. Trees where the Joaquin Miller arena now stands were planted by the late Borax Smith and Mr. Miller.

Mr. Chown, a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association, is pictured wearing a costume used on trail rides.

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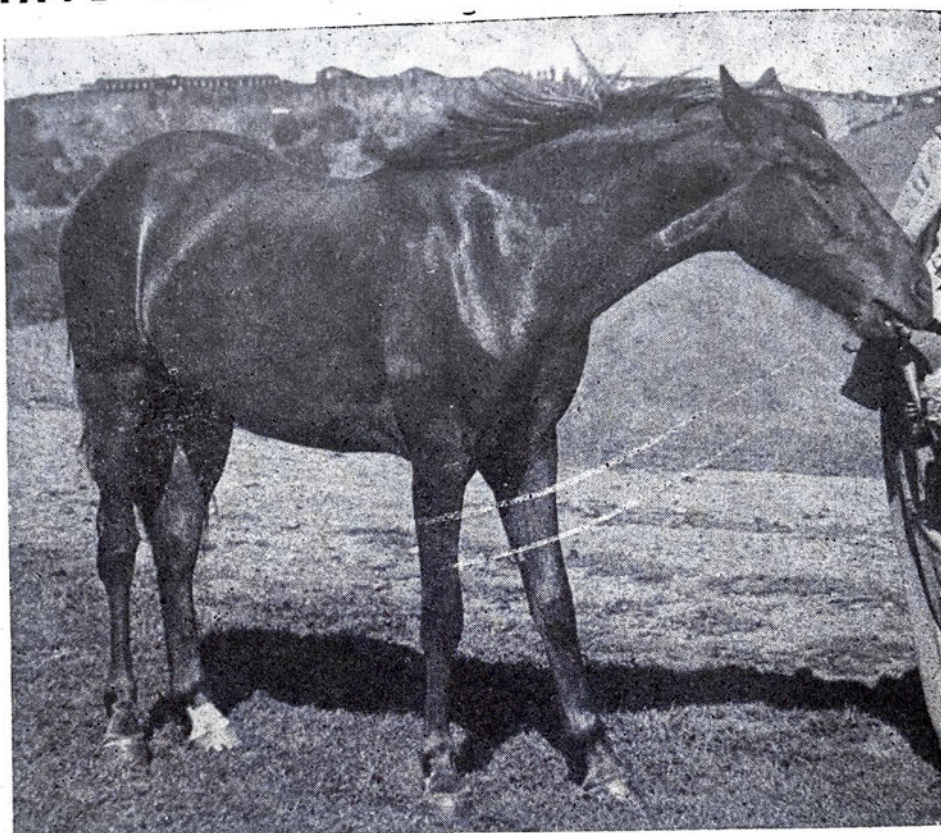
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## HAVE YOU SEEN ME LATELY?

If not please keep a keen look-out for me as I am either lost, strayed or stolen. I'm half Arabian, half Palomino and I'm a sorrel color with a white crescent on my forehead, and a white hind left foot. I'm a three year old filly, with a rough mane and tail, and my tail has a lot of white in it.

My name is JINGLE BELLS and my owner, Mrs. Freda J. Vernon, of 1525 Encinal Ave., in Alameda, is heart broken over my disappearance. She has had me for 6 months and I had just been



broken to ride for two weeks. People in the hills should know me because I have been on the trails with my trainer.

I came up missing on August 2nd from the Old Leona Pasture, near Oak Knoll hospital. My owner came to feed me every day, and this one day I wasn't there to answer to my name. I do, you know. If you know anything about me, won't you call my owner, LA. 2-2742? I want to be back home, and she wants me, or you can call the editor of the Trail Blazer, OL. 2-6783. She will see that my owner hears about it at once. PLEASE WATCH FOR ME!

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Members of the board of directors gathered at the home of President and Mrs. Jim Myers, August 4 with routine committee reports heard.

A letter from the park department was read thanking the M.H.A. for its expression of appreciation about the department and again reiterated that it stands ready to assist the organization with projects which will be for the betterment of the city and the horsemen.

Membership Chairman Heber Brown stated that there are 550 members to date, 384 seniors and 166 juniors.

Mrs. Walling, junior chairman, told of a carnival night, August 27, with proceeds to go to the junior treasury. She also announced the first junior show, to be held October 2.

Discussions concerned the CHSA convention, in Sacramento, and the Chuck Wagon breakfast on September 25.

Willis Pray, treasurer, gave a financial report for June and July and stated he had sent out letters to all ticket-book holders who have not yet turned in their money or books.

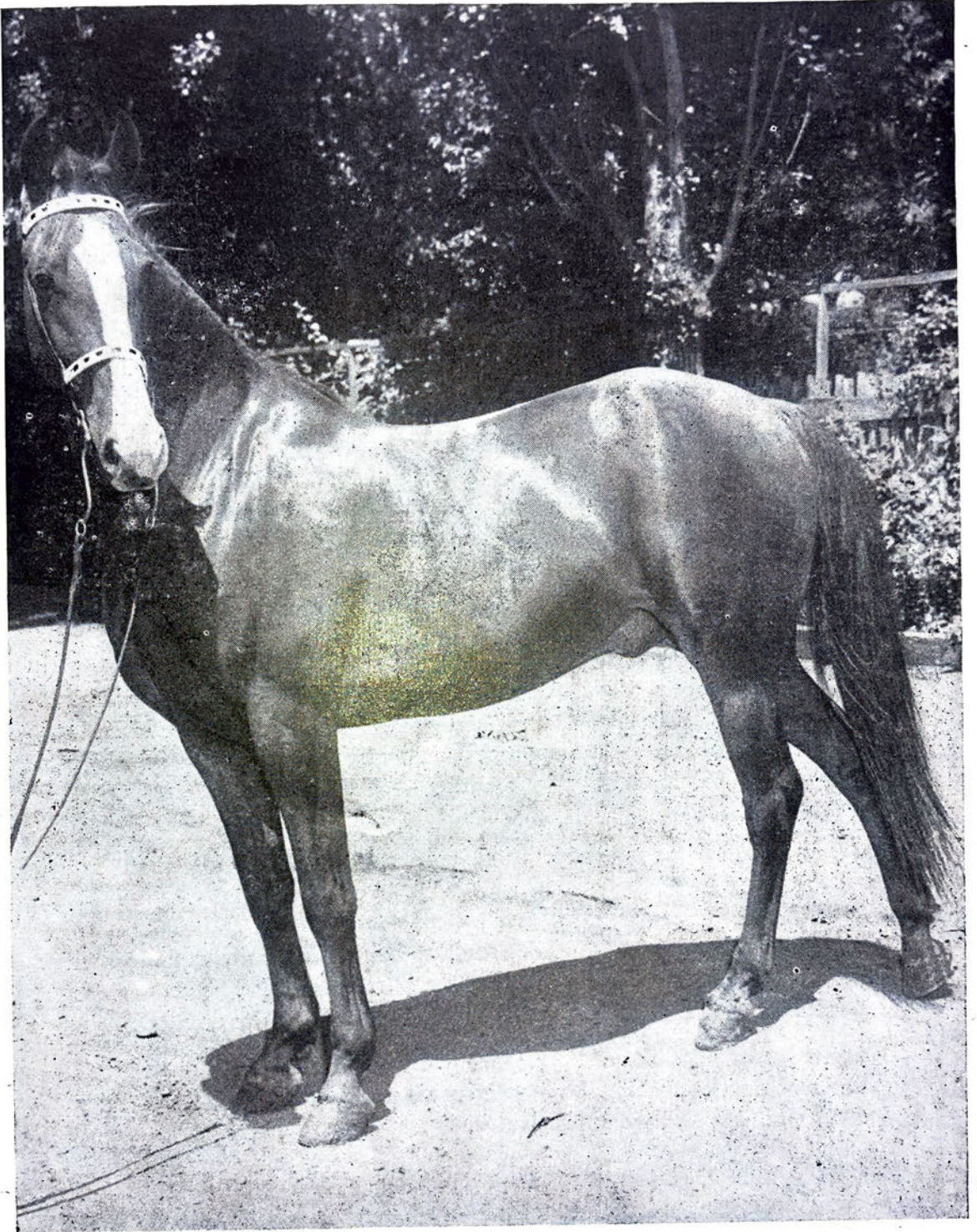
Final plans were made for the annual George Daniels field day on August 15.

Considerable time was devoted to the siege of lawlessness in the hills, and President Myers reported that Chief Barbo was out of town but had promised to place officers on the case upon his return. The discussion was occasioned by the report of the shooting of Irv Hansen's horse.

Following the business session a social hour was enjoyed.

A gold digger is a girl who forgets all about the past and the future and thinks only of the present.





A newcomer to the trails is Bud's Ace, 6-year-old Tennessee Walker, recently purchased by Charles R. Spats. Mr. Spats is being taken over the trails by Sydney V. Chown and is very enthusiastic about riding possibilities in the East Bay.

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## *Appreciation*

We are four months old now — as an organization of course — the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Juniors, and we have come a long way in that time.

We did our part — but, besides our own efforts the success of our little organization is due to the efforts of a lot of swell people, and we give our thanks —

To Mrs. Kay Walling, for her untiring efforts in getting' us together, and furthering activities within our little group. We feel that she is directly responsible for our position today, and we love her for it.

To Bob Vandenberg, our Drill Master, who we think has done a fine job in teaching us a routine drill. He is wonderful to work with, cooperative in every way, strict as an instructor, but willing to give a break at the proper time. We all love him — and when he wears that basque beret, he is really cute!

To Miss Graham, one of the grandest persons we know, for granting us the use of her ring twice a week for drill practice.

To all those members of the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, and of the Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol, and other individuals in the M.H.A. who have volunteered as sponsors, and who have contributed their money for the purchase of our outfits — **SWELL PEOPLE IN OUR BOOK!**

To Johnnie Currie for his cooperation in offering the use of his ring.

To the Pinto Ranch for the use of their ring and club house for meetings.

To all those swell fellows who have come through with trailers; their own personal services and assistance in transporting our horses to various parade locations — and especially to Evans Rogers of Livermore.

To Lester J. Devine, Chief of Police for the City of Oakland, and to all of his fine motorcycle officers who have escorted us on several occasions. They did a fine job, and we appreciate it.

To those nice people who presented us with our organization flag.

To everyone who in any way has given time and effort, moral or physical support, financial aid, or helped in any way to make our organization possible, we thank you for every little bit from the bottom of our hearts.

We are proud to have you in our corner — give us a little more time and we will make you proud of the fact that you had part in helping a fine organization —

THE METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION JUNIORS



# Junior Activities

## M.H.A. JUNIORS CONTINUE BUSY

The summer has proved to be a busy time for the M.H.A. Juniors who have interspersed work with good times. Approximately 40 turned out for a hay ride and wiener roast, with the salad donated by mothers of the group. Later they gathered at Western Stables for square dancing and a marshmallow roast.

The Junior drill team is now sporting new ties and new green and white saddle blankets. Pretty nifty, eh? And whether or not the new equipment had anything to do with it or not, they came home from the Moose parade, in San Francisco, with a first place trophy.

The Juniors have recently formed a relay team for competition. Bill Bernard is captain, with members including Bernie Cummings, Ronnie Dunniway, Don Bjornson and Corrine Smith.

Drilling at Miss Graham's ring, the juniors are now preparing to take part in the Labor day parade at Concord, and have also accepted an invitation to participate in the horse show October 9 at Castro Valley, sponsored by the Castro Valley Wranglers, and changed the date of their first show in order to attend.

Mrs. Walling, junior adviser, announces that an activity committee to plan money-making activities for the junior drill team has been appointed. They include Dr. Louis De Meo, William Boldrini, Bill Sletton and Kirk Cameron. The first affair was a carnival night, August 27 at the Legion hall in Havenscourt. Proceeds will be used for expenses at the state convention (they hope).

The next activity for the group will be an over-night ride, with the date and the destination to be announced later.

## M.H.A. JUNIORS TO SPONSOR SHOW

October 2 will mark the first horse show to be sponsored by the M.H.A. Juniors with proceeds to be used for traveling expenses for the drill team to and from the various parades and drill exhibitions.

According to Mrs. Kay Walling, junior adviser, owners of the Jedell Arabian farm, 1½ mile south of Pinole, on Highway 40, have generously donated their new 240x140 foot ring for the show. There is a seating capacity for 500, which will give all an opportunity to see the show to the best advantages and there will also be ample parking space for autos and trailers.

### PUBLIC INVITED

The show will get underway the moment the contestants arrive as they will be judged for unloading of the horses from their trailers. Deadline for the event is at 12 o'clock noon. The public is invited to come early and see the first show the Juniors offer you. There will be a refreshment stand to satisfy the appetite and to quench the thirst. Participants will be neatly and correctly attired for each class in which they are to appear.

Members of the committee in charge comprise an activity committee recently appointed from parents of members of the Junior group. They include Dr. Louis De Meo, chairman, William Boldrini, Bill Sletton and Kirk Cameron. There will be

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a drill by the M.H.A. Junior team, and judges will be Joseph Bullis and Charles Lowes. Don Bjornson will serve as horse show manager, and Corrine Smith as secretary-treasurer. Bernie Cummings will be ring master, with Ronnie Dunniway as announcer. Barbara Isham is in charge of publicity.

### SHOW TO OPEN WITH HUNTERS

The show will open with hunters and jumpers to be shown over a selected course of 8 jumps, none to exceed 4 feet. Performance only will count and winners will compete for a trophy and ribbons. Entry fee will be \$2.00.

Class 2 will be for Pleasure horses, Western and English, and will be open to horses kept only as bona fide pleasure horses. The horse will be shown under Western equipment or flat saddle, and will be judged on soundness, manners and way of going. There will be a trophy for each class as well as ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

Junior horsemanship will feature the third event for Western and flat saddle. Riders under 17 years of age to be judged on general horsemanship, seat and hands. Trophy and ribbons. Entry \$1.00.

### WESTERN TRAIL CLASS

Event 4 will be an open Western trail class, with riders to show their horses and to be judged for soundness and way of going. They will leave the ring and enter singly to ride over a designated and marked course at a walk, trot and gallop. Time will be taken upon entering and leaving the ring. The course will be over logs, a bridge and foliage. Performance to count. Time will be considered in the event of a tie. Trophy and ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

Class 5 will be for hunter hacks to be shown as a matched pair, combined ownership permitted. At walk, trot and canter. They will jump two hurdles about 3'8" at the request of the judge. Horses will be judged on performance, manners and way of going. Trophy and ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

Class 6—Pair class, for Western and flat saddle. To be shown as a matched pair at walk, trot and gallop. Trophies and ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

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Class 7—Stock horses, Open. To be shown at walk, job, or lope to lope a figure 8. To run at speed and stop. To back and turn left and right easily. To be judged on soundness, rein, manners and performance. Trophy and ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

Class 8—Arabians — Registered purebreds. Open, Western or English. To be shown at walk, trot and gallop. To be judged on conformation, 75%; performance, 25%. Trophy and ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

Class 9—Parade Horses, Silver Equipment. To be judged on animation, style and manners. Performance to count 75%, equitation, 25%. To perform at walk, slow trot, and parade. To halt and stand quietly at

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### ENTRY BLANKS READY

Class 10—Hunters — Thoroughbred type. To be shown over a course of 8 jumps, none to exceed 4'3" at a good hunting pace. Performance 75%, conformation, 25%. Trophy and ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

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Entry blanks may be obtained by contacting Corrine Smith, KE. 4-9468 or writing to her at 4920 Mountain Blvd., Oakland.

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## At The Piedmont

Activities are really on in a big way at the Piedmont Stables, and several affairs have been enjoyed during recent weeks.

Sunday, July 24, Bill Patten, "boss man" at Piedmont, planned a breakfast ride for the boarders with a representative group assembling at 9:30. After following Maestro Bill over the Piedmont Trail through the park for a two hour ride the group gathered at the Round Up for breakfast, their appetites being sharpened considerably by the morning air.

Later Bill welcomed his guests and proposed that a club be formed to organize all riding activities and other social events. The plan was met with instant approval, and following a short business session the group planned a hay ride on August 7, which will be observed as an annual occasion to be known as the Harold Knudsen Day. Harold was present to make a few remarks and to outline plans for the ride.

Dancing rang down the curtain on the enjoyable outing and the members of the new club dispersed with many plans for the future.

Sunday, August 7, the club members met to follow Harold Knudsen for the ride from the Piedmont Stables to Round Top.

Due to a back injury Mrs. Bill Pray was unable to ride and generously transported lunches, gear and little Linda Patten to the designated spot.

For most of the riders it was a new experience, new country, new trails and all thrilled to the view from Round Top, which is unexcelled.

During lunch it was voted to call the new riding club the Piedmont Trail club, with Elsie Dettmer elected as secretary and Oneita Clark, reporter.

Our sincere regrets to Bob Boyette who returned from an eastern trip to receive news of the death of his Boxer.

Isabell Pfeiffer motored to Mt. Shasta where she left her Pinto to pasture on her father's ranch. She brought home her sorrel mare, Barbara, who is quite at home at the Piedmont Stables.

Welcome back to Shirley Rock and her mare, Godiva, who has a walking horse colt.

Princess, owned by Jack Sherburn, is a newcomer who is being welcomed and admired by all.

There are two valid reasons why some people don't mind their business—no mind and no business.

## Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol

The Parade unit was a featured attraction in the pre-game Shrine pageantry at the ball park on Thursday evening, July 28th. The men and their families stayed to enjoy the ball game.

The drill team and their ladies enjoyed a pleasant week-end on August 12, 13 and 14. Friday and Saturday were spent at Modesto where they participated in the Championship Rodeo, dedicating the new Tyler Arena. Each night the Unit opened the show with a fast moving presentation of the colors, and after a few Rodeo events, returned to perform their well known precision drill. Their performance was well received by the huge crowd of spectators and the group was invited to appear there annually.

On Sunday morning the Patrol left Modesto for San Francisco to participate in the Moose Parade where they performed a drill in front of the reviewing stand before the parade and later joined the rest of the units to parade up Market Street. They were awarded top honors as the Most Outstanding Unit in the parade, winning over 33 mounted entries.

During the week of vandalism in the canyon and the hill area, Jaffee, one of our outstanding drill horses, owned by Mr. Irvin Hansen was shot in the shoulder. Fortunately the horse will recover but will be laid up for probably a month. The matter was reported to Mr. Jim Myers, President of the M.H.A. who immediately took action by notifying the police department and requesting a special detail of officers to patrol the hills. There has been entirely too much shooting going on, endangering the lives of the horses as well as the horsemen and it is suggested that more action be taken to correct this situation which is in direct violation of the law.

Thank you, Mr. Jim Myers, for your splendid cooperation in this matter.

Our next appearance will be at Concord on Labor Day when we will participate in the parade and horse show.

Two elderly American ladies were journeying across Canada for the first time. In the West, the train stopped in a large station and they got out for a walk. Meeting a man on the platform one asked, "What place is this?" The man said "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan". The lady thrilled, turned to her companion and whispered, "They don't speak English here".



## From the Neves Stables

Welcome Back; It's good to see you again! These and other such salutations were heard frequently around the Neves Stables this month as some of the old timers returned. Jimmy Wheeler came with Red Diablo and his Arabian colt, Sinbad; Pat Wheeler with her Morgan stallion, Chico; Mrs. J. L. Phillips with her grey mare, Babe, and Janet Phillips with her new Saddlebred mare, Supreme.

There are also two newcomers, Joyce and Janet Moore, with their lovely Saddlebred and Thoroughbred horses.

Miss Watson spent three weeks on a marvelous pack trip in the Sierras; however she reports that she is glad to be back again with her little Saddlebred mare.

And now we have lights in the ring! How nice to be able to come to the barn evenings and exercise your horse. There will be more lights later on, but these are quite sufficient for the present and as the days get shorter they will be used even more.

We have a mud hole at the Neves barn—and in August! But its man-made and its purpose is to soften the hooves of the horses and from the way they stand in it, they certainly are enjoying it.

## With the Boots and Jeans

Virginia McClellan and Sport Fellingham pulled a sneak to Reno and were married on June 14. Virgie is a member of the Square Dance Riders and Sport the president of the Livermore Rodeo Association. They will make their home on the 32,000 acre Valley Cattle Company Ranch, of which Sport is manager. They sneaked out on us, but we "snuck" upon on them June 20, and gave them a surprise party.

June 23 found the group at the M.H.A. parade in Oakland and after the parade, putting on their dance on 11th and Franklin, which was roped off for the occasion. Joe Robertson, owner of the Alaska Club hosted the group to free chow and drinks, besides furnishing hitch racks and watering troughs

The Square Dance Riders entertained the children Saturday afternoon at the M.H.A. Jr. show and received a lovely trophy for the arena performance as well as a nice trophy for the parade down town. Thank you, M.H.A.

The group had a swell time at the M.H.A. field day. Taking first in the team relay—third in the team pole bending—Bud Vogel took second in the barrel roping and Leroy Lampton first in the same event. Boots and Jeans did a pretty fair job in the numerous races as well.

On June 9 seven of the group attended the 5th regional play day and meeting, held at Concord, at the nice grounds of the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association. Bud Vogel and Virgie Fellingham did well in the pole bending, taking second and third ribbons respectively. Dutch Cummings won third in musical chairs. Lloyd De Rusha took third in the individual stake race, and the team won the relay race. Leroy Lampton raced, or I should say hopped, to victory in the sack race, and Bud Vogel took 2nd in musical chairs.

George Floyd, the kid of the outfit, being 67, suffered an injury to his shoulder, which has laid him up for some time, but is back in the saddle again and doing his usual fine job.

On August 10, 1949 a group of 20 hosted by Flossie and Hugh Lejeal, honoring the newlyweds, Virginia and Sport Fellingham, enjoyed an evening of dinner dancing at the Willows in Orinda.



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## At the Oakland

The Brigadiers spent a busy month starting with their overnight initiation ride at which two new members, Carol Nelsen and Jo Ella Mahoney, became full fledged members of the drill team.

July 17, the Brigadiers sponsored their first horse show, open to students and boarders at the Oakland Riding Academy only, with the show opened by their impressive drill.

Results of the events were as follows:

Event 2 (Junior Equitation) 1—Bonnie Lass, ridden by Barbara Roth; 2—Hal Collins, Terry Olds; and 3—Diamond, Katherine Bazzono.

Event 3 (Seat and Hands) 1 — Omar Khayham, Inez Thompson; 2—Honey-Bunny, John Shumaker; 3—Hal Collins, Ann Burnham.

Event 4 (Green Jumpers) 1—Valeroso Mio, Ed Hill; Star of Siam, Nancy Danielson; 3—Highland Beauty, Bill Braddy.

Event 5 (Matched Pairs) 1—Hal Collins, Ann Burnham and Omar Khayham, Inez Thompson; 2—Mio Val, Ed Hill, and Valeroso Mio, Cherie Mae Winslow; 3—Crusader, Gertrude Potter and Brandy, Edith Bailey.

Event 6 1—Drum Major, Kay Osborne; 2—Hal Collins, Ann Burnham; 3—Mio Val, Phyllis Hill.

Champion of the three equitation classes, junior equitation, seats and hands and adult equitation was a run-off of three winners.

Event 7 1—Drum Major, Kay Osborne; 2—Omar Khayham, Inez Thompson, and 3—Bonnie Lass, Barbara Roth.

Event 8 (Pleasure Class) 1—Hal Collins, Ann Burnham; 2—Mio Val, Phyllis Hill and 3—Bonnie Lass, Barbara Roth.

Event 9 (Musical Tires) 1—Diamond, Carol Barrett; 2—Omar Khayham, Inez Thompson, and 3—Honey Bunny, John Shumaker.

Champion horse of the show was Hal Collins, owned by Mrs. Dallas Young, with Inez Thompson as the highest point rider.

A large attendance was on hand for the show which moved swiftly and ably. Officials included Charles L. Hall, judge; Leeta Reiter, ring secretary; Hal Reiter, announcer, and Teresa Rhehazzi, ribbon girl.

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## With the Bridoons

Ending their first year of activity, members of the Bridoons met July 22 at the home of Mrs. Ethel Johnson for annual election of officers. Named were Mrs. Johnson, president; Margaret Wolff, vice president and secretary; and Erna Van Den Berg, treasurer.

Following a lengthy discussion concerning organization procedure the group appointed a committee composed of Margaret Wolff, chairman, Frieda Renner, Evelyn Maglathlin and Julie Laub, to draft a revised constitution and by-laws to be submitted at the next regular meeting. Another committee consisting of Rose Kraft, Jim Petersen and Robert Van Den Berg, was delegated to prepare an activity program for 1949-50.

Bridoons happily welcomed Mrs. Egon Ferrell into membership at this meeting.

The club's last ride, from Miss Graham's followed by a picnic supper in Redwood Canyon proved to be such a success that a repeat performance was slated for August 20. The Bridoons discovered on the outing that folk dancing is not only excellent relaxation but enjoyable entertainment as well, and just what tired riders need after several hours in the saddle, so they plan to make this a regular second feature.

Copy for the Blazer was delayed because the reporter, Carol Davis, along with Margaret Wolff and Margaret Johnson enjoyed a "horsey" week at the Huneville Circle H Guest ranch, at Bridgeport.

## With the Lari-ettes

The Lari-ettes report the 49'er dance which they gave at the Round Up was, as usual, a success with everyone still talking about the good time they had.

Virginia Patten was a happy girl when she won the beautiful silver buckle donated by Don Bentley's Saddle shop, as a door prize.

The girls came home from the Martinez Centennial parade with a first and two seconds.

Elsa Himmelman and Joyce Hinke took second in the best Western pairs.

At the Pleasanton show Ruby Welch took first riding Joan Munson's Cindy Lou. Carmel Laugher was awarded first in the Western Pleasure class on Monte Carlo, and at the Watsonville show Margaret Rukavina took first in the Western Trail class.

The Lari-ettes recently welcomed two new members, Joyce Hinke and Myrtle Cowen.

The Lari-ettes are now looking forward to their annual Hallowe'en dance which always means a good time for all in attendance. Better mark the calendar now! Preparations are already underway.

## Alameda County Sheriff's Posse

Members of the Alameda County Sheriff's posse and the band participated in the 25th District Agricultural parade at Napa on August 14.

Included on the calendar of future activities is the 9th annual Concord-Mt. Diablo Labor Day parade at Concord; and the 4th annual football festival in Berkeley on Sept. 16.

September 25, the posse will take part in the Chuck Wagon breakfast and regional elimination contests at the El Rancho San Antonio where the mounted drill will enter the relay races, and pole bending as well participate in the grand entry.

The posse is now busy with plans to attend the California State Horsemen's convention October 14, 15 and 16 at Sacramento.

Jim Myers captured the pole bending championship at the George Daniels field day and barbecue on August 15, his time being 13 seconds.

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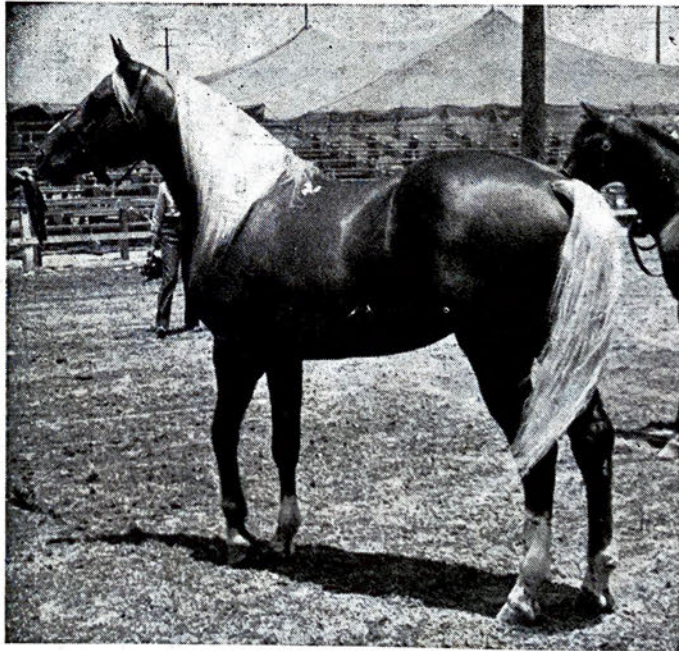
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